the S.C. and S.T. Finally I want to say once again that we should look at this problem from a humanitarian angle.

Thank you.

RE: SUPPLEMENTARY LIST OF BUSINESS

SHRI M. M. JACOB (Kerala): Mr. Vice-Chairman, I want to make one little submission. Just now we have a Supplementary List of Business which includes a Statement by Minister at 6 p.m. on National Policy on Education. Such an important subject coming at 6 o'clock! The Business Advisory Committee last time was very, very assertive in its findings that beyond 6 o'clock Members were not prepared to sit. So we must stop at 6. Now such an important statement to come at 6! Now we are in the midst of a Short-Duration-Discussion. Even for that the minimum time that Government always estimates is 2½ hours...

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: (Maharashtra): What about the loan waiver scheme? When are you permitting clarifications?

SHRI M. M. JACOB: All these things are putting us in great difficulty. I think Government will have to seriously consider this issue and put off this statement for another day.

SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA (Karnataka): Every one hour a statement comes.

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY (Uttar Pradesh): If something is so urgent, then the Shilanyas programme is there; Government should have come forward with a statement on that. The whole country wants to know how long Government would keep the Shankaracharya in detention. In fact, people have already visited the Shankaracharya. They have come and told us that he is being kept like an ordinary prisoner though he has denied making any such statement attributed to him. Therefore, Government must come forward with a statement on it.

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: I want to draw your attention and ask whether you are going to take up clarifications on the loan waiver scheme. We are concerned about it. As a farmer I am more concerned with the loan waiver scheme. Let the Shankaracharya be arrested. I don't bother. Let him be there in the prison for another six months. I am not concerned with the Shankaracharya. I am concerned with farmers. Put the Shankaracharya in jail for six months and first get the loan waiver scheme discussed. When are you going to discuss it?

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: It is a fascist statement to say, 'Put him in jail for six months'. Nobody should be put in jail without due process. Nobody could be deprived of his liberty without due process of law.

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: You are not the Shankaracharya. I am not asking you to be put in jail. My leader, Mr. Jacob, just now said, after 6 we are not prepared to sit. Everyday you bring statements at 6 o'clock. This loan waiver scheme was brought on Friday at 6 o'clock. It is a very important scheme in the life of the farmer. And you are just giving it a go-bye. When is the loan waiver scheme going to be discussed? If not today, tomorrow at 12 o'clock you should first discuss the loan waiver scheme and then the Home Ministry.

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Mr. Kulkarni should simultaneously support issues like the RSS, the Vishwa Hindu Parishad and so on and then only the other statement.

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: I will support you on RSS, Shiv Sena, everybody else, all those who are communal and fundamentalist.

[**The Deputy Chairman** in the Chair]

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH (West Bengal): Madam, everything is kept in suspension. Members are yet to seek clarifications on this loan waiver scheme. It was listed. In the meantime the Short-Duration-Discussion was to be taken up at 4 o'clock. There is one statement slated to be made by the Minister of Petroleum and Chemicals at 5 p.m. In the meantime, another second Supplementary List of Business has been circulated where it has been stated that another statement will be made by the Minister of States for Human Resource Development on the review of the National Policy on Education at 6 o'clock. So naturally there has been a question. The House normally will sit up to 6 o'clock. If the Minister makes a statement, Members cannot seek clarifications which we are entitled to. So, I do not know how to plan it. (*Interruptions*).

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: The Leader of the House is going to react to it. It is suggested that the statement which was announced earlier could be taken up now and the Education Policy could be taken up tomorrow.

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: Loan waiver—that is important. (*Interruptions*) We are waiting to get the remission.

SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA: It is listed in the Business.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: At 4 o'clock clarifications were listed, but as atrocities on Harijans was also an important issue that was taken up at 4 o'clock. It is incomplete. It is not finished. Earlier when we were having discussion, if the Government comes up with a statement either the Members have asked for a statement...(*Interruptions*) There are two ways, Mrs. Alva. One, Members demand a statement on some very important issue. The Government comes forward and makes a statement. So, according to the Rules it is okay. But according to the time we have to see how we can organize it, because it is not out of the Rules. It is absolutely all right. But we have to think of time also. That is more important. The Leader of the House is going to say something.

SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA: When the List of Business is not over, what is the use of the Government coming up with a new statement?

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Let the Leader of the House speak.

THE LEADER OF THE HOUSE (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): The statement on the review of the Education Policy is important. I understand the feelings of the House that such an important statement should not be made at the fag-end of the day and that it should be made earlier so that there could be a meaningful debate. Madam, the statement is being made in the other House. So I suggest that the Minister may make a statement here. There need not be clarifications on this issue. Let there be a debate on this issue. This is very vital. I have no objection. Let there be a separate debate on the Review of the Education Policy.

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: Madam, what about the clarifications on loan waivers? (*Interruptions*).

SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: My friend, Mr. Kulkarni, has already answered this question. The Finance Minister is coming back from Washington and he will...(*Interruptions*) I will check up. Loan waiver is a very important issue, I concede, and I will take it up with my colleague here, and if he is prepared we will certainly agree.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Let Mr. Chavan make his submission.

SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: With your permission, Madam, may I suggest that the clarifications on loan

waiver scheme be taken up tomorrow?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: No, no.

SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: I am making a suggestion to the Chair, not to you.

SHRI S. B. CHAVAN (Maharashtra): Actually, the loan...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: The suggestion is made to the Chair. I will give my...

SHRI S. B. CHAVAN: ...waiver scheme should receive the urgent attention of the Government because the sowing season is going to start within a week's time, and the entire credit policy...

SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: I do not disagree with you. I concur with you. Tomorrow we will take it up.

SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA (Karnataka): Madam, the National Policy on Education was discussed by the Parliament. It is a Policy approved by the Parliament. If the Government is thinking of changing the policy, they should circulate and then discuss, and not by way of a mere statement. Parliament has passed that Policy. It is an accepted policy of the Government. Parliament adopted that National Education Policy. If the Government wanted to make any changes in the Policy, they should come out with a note. That should be circulated, and there should a full-fledged discussion on that, not just by reviewing it.

SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: That is why I suggested, let the statement be circulated, let there be a debate. (*Interruptions*).

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Just a minute. Let me handle one by one. Before we go to the Education Policy, let us finish with Mr. Kulkarni's suggestion.

SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Before the Chair reacts, let me complete my submission...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I am not reacting about the Education Policy. That I leave to more educated people to react just now. I am only saying that when Mr. Dandavate came that day, he had to leave for an urgent business that day and the clarifications could not be asked. It was an important statement and the Members wanted to participate. So, it was decided that the clarifications would come on Monday. Today, the Minister is here. But the thing is that we had also another important business about the atrocities on the Harijans which we took up at 4 o'clock. This business was listed at 4 o'clock. Now, the statement by the Petroleum Minister is there and it was lisetd at 5 o'clock, and we have to take it up. Now, about the statement on the Education Policy, the Leader of the House suggests that the statement can be circulated, and we can have a full-fledged debate on it if you so prefer. If you do not want a debate...

SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: We want a debate but not on the statement of a Minister. If the Government wants to change the policy, let the Draft Policy be circulated to the Members.

SHRI JAGESH DESAI (Maharashtra): Last time, the Policy was circulated.

SHRI M. M. JACOB: Madam, the precise point is...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Let me see what the Minister mentioned, the exact words.

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Madam, the Minister has to make a statement on the Review of National Policy on Education. The Leader of the House has conceded that if the House agrees, then there can be a debate on this issue. But I concur with Mr. Hanu-

manthappa to the extent that the National Policy on Education was adopted by the Parliament. So, unless we come to know what they have got in their mind, to what extent they want to review and what the outlines are, how can we have a debate? So, that way, we can consider the suggestion given by the Leader of the House. Let the Minister make a statement indicating their mind. Only when we hear the statement, can we come to know what exactly is in store. After that, we can have a discussion...(*Interruptions*)

SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Mr. Dipen, if the Minister makes a statement, then there will be only clarifications and it will not be a debate.

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: He can have a debate.
(*Interruptions*)

SHRI M. M. JACOB: Madam Deputy Chairman, the controversy has come to one point, the Minister making a statement and then we keeping quiet and later on having a discussion or a debate on the subject. It will be curtailing the House of its power and our inherent right of seeking clarifications. This will become a precedent also...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: You don't say powers and rights.

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: The debate will give you a wider power.

SHRI M. M. JACOB: I know the rules.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I just want to correct. According to rule 152,...

SHRI M. M. JACOB: I know the rules.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: You do not have any power or right, under the rules, to seek clarifications. It is only a convention. Conventions cannot override the rules.

SHRI M. M. JACOB: Conventions are more strong. We take this thing seriously. We want our right, to seek clarifications, to be protected. The Members of the Rajya Sabha do have the right to seek clarifications. This item the Government can put off for tomorrow, or, the day after, as they like.

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: He has already made a statement in the Lok Sabha.

SHRI M. M. JACOB: We should have the right to seek clarifications.

श्री सुरेन्द्रजीत सिंह अहलूवालिया (बिहार) : महोदया, यह व्यवस्था का सवाल है । शुक्रवार को भी मधु दण्डवते जी इसी तरह का एक स्टेटमेंट लेकर आये और उन्होंने कहा... इसी तरह एक अन्य, पहले के नोटिस पर यह स्टेटमेंट नहीं होता ।

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: You decide that.

SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: He can come tomorrow. They should give proper notice to the Members. Why are they not giving notice? They should give sufficient notice. Only an hour's or half-an-hour's notice is not enough. (*Interruptions*)

और मैंने अभी मंत्री महोदय से पूछा कि ऐसा क्या जरूरी था तो कहते हैं कि साईन होने में, तैयार होने में, ड्राफ्ट होने में सारा दिन निकल गया । सुबह आइये, 12 बजे स्टेटमेंट दीजिये, एक बजे दीजिये, डिस्कस करना है । डिस्कस एडवाइजरी कमेटी डिस्कस करती है, डिसाईड करती है । एक बिजनेस डिसाईड हुआ, वह बिजनेस तो कम्पलीट हो नहीं रहा है, दूसरा आप ला रहे हैं, क्यों ला रहे हैं ?

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I am trying to resolve it, keeping in mind the sentiments of the Members, the importance of the Business, and

the viewpoint of the Government. Let us come to a via media.

SHRI VISHVJIT P. SINGH (Maharashtra): I would like to remind Mr. Dipen Ghosh that an assurance was given by the Government the other day that they will never ever bring forward statements in that manner. This assurance was given by the Government.

श्री सुरेन्द्र सिंह ठाकुर (मध्य प्रदेश) : मालदा एक्सप्रेस का जो एक्सीडेंट हुआ है ग्वालियर के पास में, उसका स्टेटमेंट लेकर आना था अफ़सोस की बात कि उसको आप भूल रहे हैं । उस पर ध्यान नहीं दे रहे हैं... (व्यवधान)

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY (Pondicherry): Madam, on the Fatehpur incident, no statement has come. (*Interruptions*)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : I have a solution.

यह तो सैटिल हो जाने दीजिये, फ़िर आगे जाइयेगा । आगे और भी समय है ।
Let us settle this problem.

There is already a Business listed, i.e., statement by the Minister of Petroleum at 5 p.m. I am going to call the Minister to make the statement. It had been listed as Supplementary Business. Government can make any statement any time. There is no rule against it. Let us not argue on that it was also given in the C.C.T.V., and I am sure, Members are aware of it. Therefore, let the Petroleum Minister make the statement and then Members can seek clarifications on it.

The Minister of State for Human Resource Development, Mr. Mehta, is here. He wants to make a statement. He has already done it in the Lok Sabha. You have not done it in Lok Sabha? You are doing it today? Then, as you have written to us, I think, we can list it for tomorrow because it is already 5 p.m. It will be listed for tomorrow and then Members can seek clarifications on it.

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): Madam, what about the discussion on atrocities on the Harijans.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: After this statement. Please think about the atrocities on the chair also.

डा० रत्नाकर पाण्डेय (उत्तर प्रदेश) : हाउस की प्रतिष्ठा गिर रही है ।

उपसभापति : हाउस की प्रतिष्ठा समझना मेरा काम है । हाउस की प्रतिष्ठा नहीं गिर रही है ।

SHRI VISHVJIT P. SINGH: Madam, I take you leave.

उपसभापति : प्रश्न आप भाषण तो सुनिये, कहां जा रहे हैं ? बैठिये ।

SHRI VISHVJIT P. SINGH: I am sure, the House is safe in your hands. On that note, I depart.

STATEMENT BY MINISTER

Proposed strike by Oil Industry Officers

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): Sir, The issues pertaining to the revision of pay scales and Dearness Allowance of officers of Public Sector Undertakings under the Central Government had been under the consideration of the Government for some time. After careful and extensive deliberations, the Government notified the decision on pay scales and DA on 4th April, 1990.

2. Officers of the oil industry have been demanding that they should be given DA on the pattern of Central Government employees or the banking sector employees. A final decision on these issues had to be made by the Government keeping in view the relativities of remuneration received